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September 6, 2006

Senator John Cobb, Chairman
Legislative Finance Committee
P. O. Box 388
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In Re: Community College Funding Formula Bill Draft

Dear Senator Cobb:

At the meeting of the Education and Local Government Interim Committee (ELG) on August 18, 2006, the committee had the opportunity to discuss the community college funding study that has been overseen by the Legislative Finance Committee (LFC) and to review the bill draft that would amend the statute in order to update the community college funding formula.

It is our understanding that the LFC will be considering this bill draft at your meeting scheduled in October.

The ELG requested that I send a letter to the LFC to indicate the committee's support for the bill draft and the proposed changes to the funding formula.

Should you have any questions about this, please feel free to contact me.

Sincerely,

Senator Jeff Mangan, Chairman

Cc: Clayton Schenck, Legislative Fiscal Analyst
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Attachment: Bill Draft